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PRESS RELEASE

Elections Office Makes Available Absentee Ballots

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners reminds registered voters that the Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Absentee ballots for this election are now available through the Elections Office at New Bedford City Hall. Any voter unable to get to the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot during regular office hours or may request that an absentee ballot application be mailed to their home address. In addition, to allow the public more time to cast an absentee ballot, the City of New Bedford Election Office will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

The deadline to register to vote in the Presidential Election is Wednesday, October 17, 2012. The Elections Office will be open October 17, 2012 until 8:00 p.m.

On November 6^{th} , inactive voters and voters who registered through the mail will be required to show I.D. and sign the roster of inactive voters at their polling location. The ballot is a two-page document and voters must remember to turn over the ballot to vote on Questions 2 and 3.

In addition, voters in Ward 3, Precinct F who previously voted at the Bayberry Community Center will now cast their ballots at 500 Hathaway Road, New Bedford Days Inn & Suites.

Voters can visit the City of New Bedford website at www.newbedford-ma.gov to view the official specimen ballot for their district. Any city resident who is uncertain about their voting status, designated polling location, has changed their address since the last election or wishes to request an absentee ballot, should contact the Board of Election Commissioners at (508) 979-1420.

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